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Subject: Is this Microsoft Sweepstake illegal?

To whom it may concern,

I have a question. Is the following Microsoft sweepstakes illegal?

I recently ran across a sweepstakes that Microsoft is sponsoring (<http://www.msnpeakperformance.com/>). It was my understanding that it was not legal to force people to use your products as a condition of entering such a contest. If you look at the site, this is clearly the case here.

Either you download and use their product (.NET Passport) or you can't enter. There is no alternative entry method provided. Don't have a computer? You are barred from entering. Your computer uses different (non-Microsoft) technology? You are barred from entering. Don't want Microsoft's .NET technology on your computer? You are barred from entering.

You would think with the trouble Microsoft has had recently that they would be sensitive to this type of issue. Then again they have had a history of thumbing their nose at the law, haven't they.

Thanks,

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